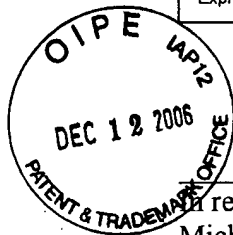


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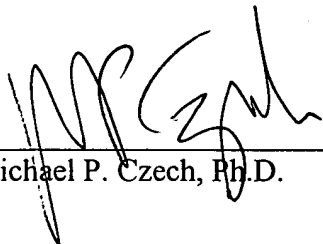
I, Michael P. Czech, a citizen of the United States of America residing at 75 Ruggles Street, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, hereby declare as follows:

(1) I am a joint inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application, along with Qiong L. Zhou and Zhen Y. Jiang.

(2) I am a co-author with Zhen Y. Jiang, Qiong L. Zhou, Kerri A. Coleman, My Chouinard, and Queta Boese of a paper entitled "Insulin signaling through Akt/protein kinase B analyzed by small interfering RNA-mediated gene silencing" which was published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (100(13):7569-7574) in June of 2003.

(3) Kerri A. Coleman, My Chouinard, and Queta Boese are *not* co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application. Kerri A. Coleman was an undergraduate student in my lab who performed technical aspects described in the above-referenced paper under my and my coinventors' direction and supervision. My Chouinard was a technician in the lab who performed technical aspects described in the above-referenced paper under my and my coinventors' direction and supervision. Queta Boese was a technician at Dharmacon where the siRNA was synthesized according to my and my coinventors' instructions for the above-referenced paper and did not otherwise contribute to the work described in this publication.

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